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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 21317.PCT.US
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2004/009093	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE March 24, 2004	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/551363</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>SURGICAL INSTRUMENT WITH TRIGGER CONTROL</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Downey, Earl C.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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